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Hi Letty & Will,

Just wanted to give you a heads up that at today's meeting of the MWD Board's Bay-Delta Committee, MWD staff presented BDCP as substantially increasing water exports from the Delta, assuming the low outflow scenario would be approved (see page 16). Given our prior discussions about the problems of unrealistic expectations of BDCP, I thought you should know that MWD continues to present the Low Outflow Scenario to their Board in discussing water supply under BDCP. It's particularly disappointing given that Mark Cowin made a prior presentation to the MWD board and was there for the entire discussion, and didn't say anything.

Below are my notes from the Q&A period with MWD directors (not an official transcript, just my attempt to paraphrase or quote what was said in real time):

▽ Steiner: slide 16 – so we have the no BDCP column, shows us getting all our SWP deliveries without BDCP. And then one of the key questions has been will there be additional water with BDCP, and the answer has pretty steadily been no. Where does this incremental water come from?

▽ A: we set out to restore reliability to pre-Wanger levels. I think the best way to talk about the supply level we're trying to maintain is the average level of supply over the past 20 years, plus or minus 10%.

▽ Steiner: So it's possible we could build BDCP and just end up with 960TAF but reliable.

▽ A: yes. This whole chart is based on how much supply could you reliably count on with an assumption, and that assumption is that the outflow level is the low outflow level of the decision tree. That supply would be reduced if you're at the high outflow level of the decision tree. This example is based on low outflow, what kind of supply could we get back.

Best,

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